**The Script – Immigration and Migration --** <https://youtu.be/U0BHmsz5Ycg>

**NOTE: Feel free to alter the language of any question as long as the same information is gathered.**

1. “My name is (INTERVIEWER NAME) and I am interviewing (INTERVIEWEE NAME) in (LOCATION) on (DATE). Do you give me permission to record and make public this oral history?”
2. REMINDER: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE
3. Please share as much basic information as you are willing to share:
   1. Name? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Place of Origin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. First Language? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   7. Ethnic Identity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   8. Gender Identity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   9. Sexual Orientation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nation of Origin -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

1. Could you describe what your life looked like before you came to the United States.
2. Why did you leave your place/country of origin?
3. Why did you decided to come to the United States instead of another country?
4. What do you miss about your place/country of origin?
5. What were you happy to leave behind from your place/country of origin?
6. What did your friends and family say when you told them you were leaving?
7. What were your expectations of the United States?
8. How would you compare NYC to the place from which you came in regards to…
   1. Affordability
   2. Opportunity
   3. Lifestyle/Culture
   4. Community
   5. Safety
   6. Relationship with government and law enforcement
   7. Housing

Journey to NYC -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

1. Tell me about your journey to New York.
   1. Could you describe it step-by-step?
   2. Did it go according to plan?
2. When and with whom did you come to NYC?
3. Was there anything you left behind because it was not sufficiently “American”?
4. How did NYC meet, and fail to meet your expectations?
5. How were you received upon arriving in your neighborhood specifically, and the United States more generally?
   1. How did you choose the neighborhood where you ended up?
   2. Did you find a community that made you feel like you belonged when you arrived?
6. What was the hardest part about your move to NYC?

Adjusting to NYC -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

1. How did you adjust to a new language and/or culture in NYC?
   1. What about your children, siblings or younger family members who spent more of their youth in NYC? How has it been different for them?
2. What did you do for work when you first arrived?
   1. What has been the best—and the worst—job since coming the U.S.?
3. How did you meet people when you first arrived?
4. What in your life keeps you connected to your nation of origin?
   1. How do you remind yourself of home?
   2. How do you remain connected to the people still living in your home country?
5. If you feel like you have been, how do you think you’ve been changed by living in NYC specifically and the United States more generally?
6. How do you navigate a bilingual—or non-english—life?
7. Have you ever faced racism or anti-immigrant abuse for what you look like or where you’re from?
   1. Was there a moment that your realized you could be treated differently because you were an immigrant?
8. Where have you lived in NYC and why?
9. Was there ever a moment of regret for leaving? Can you tell me about that experience.

Becoming a New Yorker -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

1. What’s your favorite part about living in New York?
   1. What’s your least favorite part?
2. How has your neighborhood changed since your arrival?
3. How society in NYC or the U.S. changed their perception of you and your culture overtime?
4. Do you ever feel you need to hide who you in the U.S.?
5. What would you change about the current U.S. immigration system?
6. If you’ve become, or are on the path to citizenship, please tell me about that process.
   1. What obstacles have you had to overcome in your pursuit of citizenship?
7. How has the politics of the last decade impacted your experience as an immigrant, and your community in NYC?

Finishing Up -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANWSER ANY QUESTION THAT MAKES YOU UNCOMFORTABLE

1. What’s one piece of advice you would give to immigrants or migrants just arriving in NYC?
2. Is there anything that I should have asked that I didn’t ask?
3. Are You Still Comfortable Donating this Oral History?